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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Title: IMAGE FORMING  
APPARATUS AND IMAGE  
FORMING METHOD WITH  
SYNCHRONOUS AND  
ASYNCHRONOUS CONTROL  
FOR CONTINUOUS  
OPERATION (As Amended)

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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.111**

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated July 1, 2008, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this document.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this document.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: